



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 18, 2024*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



Archbishop-elect Henning has asked us to share his initial comments with you on his appointment:

“I am grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for his confidence in me and for his conferral of this new mission as Archbishop of Boston. I receive this appointment relying upon divine Providence, aware that this is the Lord’s Church and that I am no more than an unworthy servant.

I would also like to express my gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Sean O’Malley who has served the Church of Boston for many faithful and joyful years.

Greetings to the clergy and faithful of Boston. I ask for your prayers that I may cling to the Lord’s Holy Cross, honor His mother, imitate His saints, and love you as His people and His ministers.” We adore You and praise You O Christ, for by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 18, 2024

- 8:00 - Edward Joseph Twomey — 5th Anniv.
- 11:30 - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, August 22, 2024

- 9:00 - Eli Perrault — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, August 25, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Rosalyn Ingoldsby — Month's Mind
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 4:00 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 18, 2024

- 9:30 - James K. MacKinaw — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, August 24, 2024

- 4:00 - Kathleen Kiley — Month's Mind

Sunday, August 25, 2024

- 9:30 - Christian D'Ottavio — Third Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance

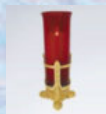
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Suggested donation \$25+

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my great joys is giving our young people an appreciation, if not understanding, of the Eucharist. It can be challenging, however, especially when one gets to the part about it being the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is understandable, given that even the people of Jesus' day had a hard time getting a "handle" on it. Jesus, in speaking of the Eucharist as "flesh" and "blood", confounds the hearers in His presence. It can leave us in a bit of a lurch as well, given that we are not cannibals!

Jesus, in today's gospel, continues the "Bread of Life" discourse found in the sixth chapter of John's gospel. In this chapter, Jesus seeks to help the listener understand that true, full and real life comes when we consume His flesh and drink His blood. In fact, Jesus makes it clear that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you" (Jn 6:53). This is one of those "hard teachings" of Jesus whereby He separates the true believers from those who are just around because Jesus is the "latest 'thing'". It is this teaching, and others like it, that establishes Jesus' credentials as the Messiah. In this gospel passage, Jesus looks to use this "Bread of Life" discourse to help His followers to have something which will sustain them after His death.

The Eucharist is the central teaching of the Catholic faith. It is, as the Catechism calls it, the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC, 1324, "Lumen Gentium", 11). It is thus and so because it makes us who we are; it feeds and sustains us and gives us "food for the journey". It is the Eucharist (a word which means "blessing" or "thanksgiving") that helps us understand God's goodness to us. Jesus, in today's gospel, refers back to the Exodus "event" in which God, through Moses, gives the Israelite community "manna", bread from heaven, which sustains them for their journey. We, for our part, have something greater than manna, for we have the "Real Presence", the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is this gift, freely given and received in love, that helps us to live out the Christian life.

May we have the humility to receive this gift of life from Christ in a spirit of thanksgiving. May we know that it IS Christ that we are receiving, nothing less than Jesus' ACTUAL Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. May we have the courage to let that gift "take root" and "bear great fruit".

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

August Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

August 19 at 6:30 pm,
St. Ann Parish Center

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

Important Note:

Due to the Outdoor Mass at 4 pm at St. John's on August 18th, there will be no 6:15 Mass that evening at St. Ann's

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

Sunday, August 18th
St. John's Back Lawn
4 pm Mass* 5 pm Barbecue

This 4 pm Mass will be in lieu of the 6:15 Mass Sunday Night

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family
Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

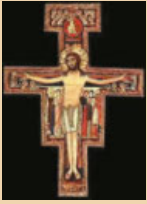
*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Tickets will be sold the weekends of July 20/21 and July 27/28 and at the door.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASS AT ST. ANN'S AT 9:00 AM
MASS AT ST. JOHN'S AT 7:00 PM**

MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



St. Francis' life is a study in contrasts. He is admired the world over, yet he's a hard one to neatly categorize. Born into great wealth, the young Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone stripped himself, literally, of all material affluence to embrace "lady poverty." He longed for obscurity—so much so that he fled to caves and mountaintops for solitude—yet his model for living started a worldwide movement. He is often thought of as the "birdbath saint," a tree-hugging lover of all creatures great and small, yet he was also deeply institutional Catholic who lived a life committed to the teachings of the Church. Relegating the poor man of Assisi to a Catholic garden gnome—or any single descriptor—is a disservice to his legacy. Though care for creation was so entwined into Francis' spirituality that he was declared the patron saint of ecology in 1982 by Pope John Paul II, it was the building blocks of the faith that both grounded and motivated him. The Eucharist, for Francis, was the foundation on which his faith life was built. In his "Letter to All Clerics," in fact, Francis wrote that, "in this world there is nothing of the Most High himself that we can possess and contemplate with our eyes, except his Body and Blood." For the poor man of Assisi, the Eucharist was both his compass and his journey's end. I offer these three quotes from Francis of Assisi and the meditations on him and the Eucharist and pray that they are good for spiritual reflection.

"All those who refuse to do penance and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are blind, because they cannot see the true light, our Lord Jesus Christ." (Letter to All the Faithful)

Humility is the heart of Franciscan spirituality. Francis showed, by word and by action, that only a humble and penitent spirit could be truly readied for a gift as important as the Body and Blood of Christ. Francis' message here may seem severe, especially from a saint so fundamentally tied to simplicity and peace, but the directness of his message only illustrates his primal need for union with the divine.

"In his love, God gives himself into our hands; we touch him and receive him daily into our mouths." (Letter to All Clerics)

Francis takes a noticeably softer tone in this letter to clerics, but the heartbeat of his message is no less serious: When we receive the Eucharist—either by hand or by mouth—we are taking in essential food for the journey. The Eucharist, to Francis, offered the promise of everlasting life and guided him into a realm of greater compassion for his fellow man.

"We should visit churches often and show great reverence for the clergy, not just for them personally, for they may be sinners, but because of their high office, for it is they who administer the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Letter to All the Faithful)

It might be difficult for 21st-century Catholics to mirror so pure a temperament toward the clergy as Francis did in his day. But look closer. He is acknowledging the importance of their station while recognizing clergy as sinners—just as we are. Francis saw all of life as threads in God's vast tapestry, truly one unified body of Christ. And we cannot receive the Eucharist without dedicated clergy who serve as conduits for such a moment of grace.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. Paul, OFS

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL FUND

I have been incredibly blessed throughout my life. My relationship with God has grown with age and I think my position here at the Parish has helped me significantly. When I pay attention, I realize just how often God answers my prayers.

Recently I was praying asking for God to lead me as to how to be more helpful in my quest to help the victims of trafficking. I was feeling a bit lost as to how to get the information out to people and what to do with that information when low and behold a young man called the Rectory with information on a place called the O'Connell House. After the initial conversation, Dominic sent me this email.

The O'Connell House is a new safe home for women who have been trafficked and who may be pregnant and/or with a small child in the Archdiocese of Boston. This home is unique as it has a model of care called 'The Sister Care Model' whereby we have trained religious Sisters as caregivers providing a loving, nurturing presence 24/7. This model is emulated after a successful juvenile safe home, called Metanoia Manor, in Louisiana, which started the Sister Care Model and has excellent results after 7 years!



We recently opened, after completing all renovations and improvements, taking in our first resident on National Human Trafficking Day, January 12, 2024! We were blessed with Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Bishop Robert Hennessey who both came to The O'Connell House for a ribbon cutting and provided a House Blessing! (see photo above.)

Thank you for your fire to help end human trafficking! I can't wait to see how the

O'Connell House can join your mission! Dominic sent me three sites for more information.

Check them out!

Website: <https://theoconnellhouse.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOConnellHouseMA>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/oconnellhousema>



God be with you,
Dominic Vitale
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More to follow - Debbie Conrad - Any ideas, please call me!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S



St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



Greetings of love from Uganda, Africa. To the parishioners of St. Ann and St. John's, I am happy to be back. This is a home away from home. We have done much together. Special thanks goes to our Pastor Fr. Paul L. Ring whom I have visited every year for the last 15 years. He means a lot to me, my people and my mission. We're building a boys' dormitory Estimated at \$140,000 including installation of water, and electricity and beds. We're currently fundraising for \$ 90,000 to complete this project.

How to donate? Write your check to St. John's or St. Ann and in the memo Write school/Uganda.

We shall have a second collection on the weekend of 24/25th of August for this noble cause.

Contact Fr. Stephen Lusiba on my email address: lusteve2012@gmail.com if you have any questions.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: All meetings are suspended for the Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!

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Saint John's Conference
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

Monday, August 5, 2024
Monday, August 19, 2024

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute that large sums., ie \$100

Archbishop-elect Richard G. Henning, S.T.D. was born in Rockville Centre, New York in 1964 to Richard and Maureen Henning, the first of five siblings. He grew up in Valley Stream receiving the sacraments of Baptism, first Holy Communion, and Confirmation at Holy Name of Mary Parish, where he also attended the parish grammar school. In the summers, Archbishop-elect Henning spent a good deal of time on a small island in the Great South Bay where his family has gone for generations. There, he developed a lifelong passion for the water, sailing, boating, and kayaking on the bay.

Archbishop-elect Henning attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York and counts the Marianists as a major influence in his faith life and commitment to learning. He received a BA and MA in History from St. John's University, Queens New York and received his training for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington New York. He was ordained in 1992 and served for five years as an associate pastor at the Church of St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington. In that assignment, he did extensive pastoral work in the large parish school and ministered to the Spanish-speaking Catholics of that peninsula. In addition to fluency in English and Spanish, Archbishop-elect Henning speaks Italian and is able to read French, Greek and Hebrew.

In 1997, Bishop McGann assigned then Father Henning to post-graduate studies in Sacred Scripture. He earned a Licentiate in Biblical Theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and a Doctorate in the same from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

After his studies, Archbishop-elect Henning joined the faculty of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where he taught scripture for more than ten years. In 2012, as part of the partnership for seminary formation among the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, and the Archdiocese of New York, then Rev. Msgr. Henning was appointed to lead the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception through its transition to the largest retreat house in the Northeast. The Ordinaries of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn and New York also charged him to establish and lead the Sacred Heart Institute for the ongoing formation of Catholic priests and deacons. Bishop Henning is also noted for his work with international priests serving in the U.S.

In 2018, Pope Francis appointed Archbishop-elect Henning as an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, where he served as a regional Vicar and later as the Vicar for Clergy and Pastoral Planning. In November 2022, the Holy Father appointed Archbishop-elect Henning as the Coadjutor Bishop of Providence. He succeeded Bishop Tobin as the Bishop of Providence on May 1, 2023.

Archbishop-elect Henning has been active in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, serving on the Doctrine Committee, the Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America, and as the Chair of the Subcommittee for the Translation of the Sacred Scriptures. He serves on several boards, including those of Providence College and the Pontifical College Josephinum.

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